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(SBU) Responding to a question during his joint press conference August 19 with visiting Jordanian Minister of Foreign Affairs Nasser Judeh, Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said recent USG initiatives are creating an opportunity for peace in the Middle East. Asserting the importance of the next four-to-five months to the revival of peace hopes, Davutoglu urged Israel to demonstrate its will for peace by restraining settlement activity and refraining from actions that infringe upon the status of East Jerusalem.

Davutoglu balanced these remarks with a plea for Palestinian unity. He urged contending Palestinian factions to abandon their tactical maneuvering and unite to facilitate a breakthrough in peace efforts. He warned Palestinians that their continuing failure to reconcile risked harm to the entire region.

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